

Sabbath & convenience the movement.

I have heard nothing from Concord since I heard that all the
society people there have their eye upon you & our Dear Brother Keen
where you are — Will Mr. Winslow accept the call to Providence?
I shall a letter a few days since — interesting beyond expression
from Be Hall in Illinois. He has had a practical meeting of a class in
which almost every one of his competitors were hopelessly converted.
Bro. M. Frothingham was at Essex street supplying for a few Sabbats
the last I heard from him — I wish he might go to the printer.

Sant - Dec
Sherburne
July 13th 1832.

Rev Amos A Phelps
Sant
Mass

Thank you very much
July 13

My Brother Wright — While writing last evening I was much troubled
about a material address — no use in it. I am pretty well settled in
the city which was intended to be my home — I have been in
particular perhaps one week in the city which must have been a
little over a month in the city. I will be in the city to be in the city.

an vast host awake - how almost none of that ocean
& millions in place in what Paul says of himself to the
Ephesian Elders that he had wept every one night & day
with tears. The ministers in this region are far behind
those of some other parts of our country e.g. some parts of
N. York. Since the ministers of this region possess the
spirit of Lascars & Beman & Skinner, a glow would
be spread over our churches & congregations such as we
have none yet seen. - you have cannot but recall Beman
remember (in the Evangelist) preached before the Gen. Assembly
thence it purchased & felt that the spoken people a spirit
that service not - the few man ev. - I intend when I go to
our next Ass. to pour out my soul upon our brethren.
We all of us ought to lie upon our faces before God.
& be ashamed & confounded that we have manifested
so little of the real spirit of the gospel - the other
I preached a new year or anniversary sermon to my
(It is 2 years since I came here) I told them something of what had
been done & then spoke of what might have been done. I
confessed to them that I had no doubt there were those
in our number who would have been converted if I had
done my duty - if I had acted as Paul would, had he
occupied my pulpit for these two years. Since then
this is our awful thought. It should lie upon our spirit
until it has summoned every energy into the service of
God. We before last there was a 4 days meeting at Southboro.
Bro Perry & myself were the only staunch ^{helpers}. I preached 4 of the
sermons Perry 3, & each of us made addresses respectively & did
most in the inquiry meeting. Things were as we wished to have
them. And the result was good - glorious - now so I think that
that of any such meeting I have attended I preached there the following

With regard to Dr Woollen's "comment" you see by the
spirit of the preprint that Dr Beecher had taken hold. I think
himself kindly yet plainly expose some of Dr W's nonsense.
This last letter is by much encouragement - a perfect petitio
principii all the way through. Besides it is a mere spread
over some 6 or 8 pages. A number of flies with their legs well
infect would suffice as moving & to about as much purpose.

Since you know that at the "Causes" at Boston
the other way there was appointed as a committee now, one
in each association through the state to correspond with
their central committee. I saw Bro Maltby of Sutton a few
days since, who told me all about it. - you see Bro Sewall
writes it in the Evangelist. What a perfect system
of espionage - for what else is it. Here we all have
our spies about us - one in each Ap - who, nobody knows.
Who can it be in ours? Foster Wright? I shall ask him
in plain terms the first opportunity & shall tell him what
report to send in concerning myself, viz that my soul
is grieved & that I am nursing in secret places over the
that concern in my brethren, which consists in de-
nouncing those whom the voice owns & blesses, &
which is calculated to excite very other feelings rather
than those pity & benevolence; & to promote any other
course rather than the course of Y. Oh my Bro what are
we coming to! Can it be that the revivals of last year
are interrupted - stopped entirely, by accusations brought
by Gall's own people - against the principles, consistency
of them! - I have never so much as lately felt the responsi-
bility of the ministry, & this not so much by looking
at myself in my relations to my particular charge, as
by considering the influence which the ministry generally
have upon the community. The ministers in this region

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I have today written to Mr. Moore on the subject. The mis-
take on his part was probably owing to the fact that there
are ministers "in this region" i.e. the region about the Ap.
which differ from some in the Ap. Schism towards others
not the most "charitable & fraternal spirit." The impression
however upon the public mind will be that the difference
is ~~between~~ the members of Middlesex & Ap. whereas we all
so far as I know agree except Father Wright i.e. so far as
there is any definite opinion on the subject
of the line ministers.

As to the difficulties about settling ministers:
I fear there may be some at Holliston. Foster Wright is
once in his denunciations against Newtham non-
-calls us 'ominous' - says (as I am told) there is no affec-
-tion between me & Mr. Clarke; & is doing all he can to
-signify the good people of H. against N.H. non.
Br Cowles is there - think he will not stay, but do not
-know. the best procedure there but one sublot. Show not
-force how he please. Some of the people are all for
-a N.H. non - others against as strong. & I fear for the result.
Foster Wright will have an account to give on the
-subject, at the last day. the result of which I should
-fear in my own person. the best will some things
-about Br. Froh also. Br. Froh lately declared that he should be
-a member of the Association.